

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting - 7 November 2012

Members present: Peter Vincent - Chairman, Stuart Lollis, Christina Brown, Jeff Carlson, Lil Province

Absent: Edo Potter, Bob Avakian

Staff: Jane Varkonda & Lisa Morrison

ISRAEL *Request for a determination* to construct a two-story addition to an existing garage/guesthouse on Starbuck Neck. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Structure is in existing lawn area and is located upland of the residence. Property is on sewer. Province made a motion to approve the negative determination. Brown seconded. Unanimously approved.

SCHIFTER *Request to amend order of conditions* George Sourati presented a revised plan showing the changes to the topography caused by storm damage. An additional 45-feet was lost to erosion on the east side of the property. In areas where the coir erosion-control system was in place, only 13-feet were lost. Because there had not been time to finish the project before the storm arrived, water was able to come in behind the envelopes and undermine the bank. Mr. Sourati said that this will be less to happen when the full 160-foot project is completed. The applicant has reapplied because the location of the coir envelopes has changed because of the storm. The project was approved at an earlier meeting, but the order of conditions was not issued. It became clear after the storm that the applicant would have to submit a new plan. In essence, the project and the scope of work has not changed, only the location because of storm erosion. The work platform at the top of the bank will be located about 50 feet from the swimming pool wall.

There was some discussion about current conditions on the site and whether any of the coir logs or supporting structures have become hazards. Mr. Sourati explained that the original envelopes have settled into about 4-feet of sand. These will be used a base during construction of the coir-envelope structure.

Province said she was concerned about scour on the adjacent properties. Mr. Sourati noted that the pile of trees and logs on the TTOR has been producing some scour on the Schifter property.

Mr. Schifter is planning to move the house. Mr. Sourati reported that there is an agreement to purchase a portion of the adjacent Leland property. The agent reported that TTOR will not appeal the order, as had been rumored, but they will submit a bill for clean up of some of the coir materials to Mr. Schifter's escrow

agent. Apparently, some of the material washed up on East Beach.

Mr. Sourati said that Mr. Schifter is hoping to begin moving the house in February. Brown had some additional questions about timing and when the envelopes would be removed. Mr. Sourati said that Mr. Schifter would like an order to maintain the coir envelopes for three years. The agent said she thought DEP would require the erosion-control structure be dismantled once the house is moved. Mr. Sourati said that he would like to check with Mr. Schifter before agreeing to this condition. Consequently, the hearing was continued to the next meeting, 28 November.

Because of new storm regulations issued by DEP, work authorized under an emergency permit can go to 23 February, instead of the usual 30 days.

Vincent suggested that the escrow be increased.

WACKS Request for an emergency permit. The Wacks property also in Wasque also suffered considerable erosion, approximately 25-feet in this storm alone. Mr. Wacks would like to bring in 180 feet of jute-covered 'noodles'. The sand used to fill the noodles would come from Goodale's or a source of Rob Kagan's. Applicant is aware that a grain-size analysis is required to test for compatibility. Brown made a motion to authorize the agent to issue the emergency permit and monitor the project on site

OTHER BUSINESS: The board voted to request three articles to be placed on the warrant for town meeting: \$20,000 for the Property Maintenance Fund, \$20,000 for the Land Acquisition Fund, and \$40,000 to repair the roof on the town-owned milking barn at Katama Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved